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FROM UNDER SECRETARY SISCO TO AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND

1. I SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SECRETARY WAS MOST PLEASED WITH YOUR CABLE ON THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE. YOUR CABLE IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF REPORTING THE SECRETARY EXPECTS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

2. AS YOU KNOW, THE SECRETARY WANTS OUR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO REPORT MORE THAN MERE FACTS. HE WANTS A MISSION'S ASSESSMENT OF WHAT FACTS MEAN WITH RESPECT TO U.S. REGIONAL AND GLOBAL INTERESTS WHERE APPLICABLE.

3. IN ASSESSING THE IMPLICATIONS OF AFFAIRS IN THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR U.S. INTERESTS IN THE FRG AND IN EUROPE, YOUR EXCELLENT CABLE HAS ADHERED SUPERBLY TO THE SECRETARY'S CRITERIA. ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY, I CONGRATULATE YOU. GDS KISSINGER

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